

Breaking News: An unidentified gunman has taken hostages at a Paris post office.

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Note: Report changes/updates are in blue



SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events - National

US eases Cuba travel restrictions but vacations still banned

(AP) A new set of government regulations takes effect today, severely loosening travel and trade restrictions that have been in place for 54 years. The rules follow President Barack Obama's announcement last month of a reestablishment of diplomatic relations with the communist island. Only Congress can fully remove the embargo but it is up to the administration to enforce — or turn a blind eye — to the travel ban. The U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control oversees travel to Cuba. There are 12 categories of people who are allowed to visit, however, it's still illegal for Americans to visit Cuba if they don't fit into one of those 12 groups.

Ohio Man Arrested for Alleged ISIS-Inspired Plot on US Capitol, FBI Says

(ABC News) The FBI arrested an Ohio man for allegedly plotting an ISIS-inspired attack on the U.S. Capitol, where he hoped to set off a series of bombs aimed at lawmakers, whom he allegedly considered enemies. According to government documents, the man allegedly planned to detonate pipe bombs at the national landmark and open fire on any employees and officials fleeing after the explosions.



SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events - International

Gunman armed with Kalashnikov takes hostages at post office near Paris

(RT News) Several people were taken hostage by an unknown gunman at a post office in Colombes, a northwest suburb of Paris, French media reported. The gunman is armed with a Kalashnikov rifle, a gun and numerous grenades, French RTL radio reports. The hostages were seized at about 0400 hours PST when a man rushed into the post office with a weapon. As of 0600 hours the gunman was taken into custody and the hostages released without incident.

Two Dead as Police Raid Terror Suspects in Belgium

(ABC News) Two suspects died as counter-terror police, in a series of raids, rounded up people they believed were intent on launching terror operations in Belgium, officials said. No police or civilians were hurt after suspects opened fire with automatic weapons at one location, Magistrate Eric Van der Sypt said. However, besides the two suspects killed, one of the suspects arrested was injured.

Syria conflict: Italian aid worker hostages freed

(BBC) Two Italian aid workers who were taken hostage in Syria more than five months ago have been released. Greta Ramelli, 20, and Vanessa Marzullo, 21, were greeted by Italy's foreign minister as they arrived at Rome airport early on Friday. The pair had been working on humanitarian projects when they were abducted in July 2014 in the northern province of Aleppo. No details have been provided on the circumstances behind their release.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES IT

• Per the Cal OES off going IT Duty Officer, the data circuit to the CSTI site is degraded. It is running at 2/3rds capacity. Restoration of the circuit may not occur before arrival of an upgraded replacement. The new circuit has just been delivered and is being configured. Estimated date of restoration: 01/20/15.

Weather of Concern

· No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A series of storm systems will bring periods of rain through the weekend. A ridge of high pressure will develop on Monday resulting in a return to dry conditions and warmer than normal temperatures through the work week.

Medford Weather:

A southwest flow will continue moving through the area and will stall and weaken over northern California Friday afternoon. Snow levels will be 6000 to 7000 feet tonight lowering to 5000 to 6000 feet Friday. Saturday will be generally showery and unsettled with no discernable fronts. Snow levels will rise to around 8000 feet.

Reno Weather:

A series of weak disturbances with bring moist onshore flow into far northern California this weekend. This will bring the potential for light rain and higher elevation snow, generally north and west of Susanville. Temperatures will rise above average through the weekend.

San Francisco Weather:

High pressure over California will weaken slightly today as a frontal system pushes inland from the Pacific Northwest. Rain chances are possible mainly across the North Bay through the weekend. Dry and mild weather will continue for areas south of the Golden Gate. High pressure will rebuild by Monday and result in dry weather well into next week.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

A couple weak weather systems brush by Northern California today into Sunday bringing some clouds and a threat of precipitation mainly north of the Interstate 80 corridor. Dry weather expected Monday through Thursday as a ridge of high pressure builds along the West Coast.

Hanford Weather:

High pressure will remain over Central California for the next several days. The pattern will remain dry.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

High pressure and offshore flow will continue the above normal temperatures through at least the weekend. A couple of weak upper disturbances will develop Tuesday and Thursday for a cooling trend to near normal temperatures. Another ridge of high pressure is expected to return late next week into the weekend with a warming trend.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

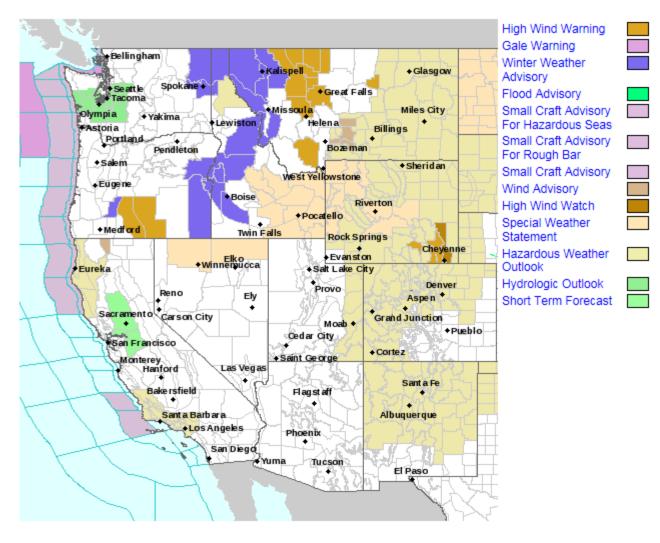
Dry and warm weather will prevail through the upcoming weekend. A shallow marine layer could bring areas of dense fog near the coast Sunday morning and again Monday morning. A trough of low pressure over the western United States will bring a cooling trend Tuesday and Wednesday next week followed by a renewed offshore flow pattern bringing gusty winds and warmer weather once again.

Southeast California Weather:

High pressure that has now established itself will continue to bring dry conditions and above normal temperatures through the middle part of next week. A cooling trend and an increase in cloudiness is likely by the end of next week as low pressure begins to drop southward over the western US.



STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Jan, 16th 2015 at 6:21:35 am MST

FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals
 and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters
 recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano
 counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also
 made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and
 Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 14 have withdrawn for a total of 49 FEMA approved open applications.
- Kickoff Meeting: 56 Kickoff Meetings have been completed leaving 1 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/7/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are in draft, 63 PWs are entered into the federal database system, 51 of which have been obligated.
- Exit Briefing: 11 applicants have had Exit briefings conducted.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERGy will be holding a general meeting.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- The registration deadline for individuals and businesses to request FEMA and SBA assistance closed on Monday, 12/29/14.
- Assistance Centers The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. At this time, Cal OES Regions and Recovery continue to work closely with all impacted operational areas to assess the impacts, losses, and costs of the December Winter Storm.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

• IDE field validations have been completed in Tehama, Marin, Sonoma, Lake, and San Mateo Counties.

Individual Assistance

- On 1/2/15, SBA declared the primary county of San Mateo and the contiguous counties of Alameda, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz a disaster area.
- On 01/07/15, the San Mateo County South San Francisco Local Assistance Center (LAC) located at 329 Miller Avenue, SSF, transitioned to an SBA DLOC and will remain open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. 6 p.m. The DLOC closed on 01/15/15, at 6 p.m.
- On 1/16/15, a DLOC will operate at the Fair Oaks Community Center located at 2600 Middlefield Road in Redwood City. The DLOC will operate from 2pm-7pm on Friday only and will provide outreach to residents of the Harbor Trailer Park.
- On 01/07/15, SBA declared the primary county of Tehama and the contiguous counties of Butte, Glenn, Mendocino, Plumas, Shasta, and Trinity a disaster area.
- On 01/06/15, Tehama County opened a LAC at the Red Bluff Community Center at 1500 South Jackson Street, Red Bluff. LAC operations are 01/06/15, through 01/08/15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. On 01/09/15, the LAC will transition to an SBA DLOC and will remain open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The DLOC will close on 01/16/15 at noon.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.

CAL OES MISSIONS

Closed Cal OES Missions

• 2015-LAW-8297 1/15/15, 1848 hrs. International Emergency Response Coordination Center (IERCC) advised of a SPOT device sounding on Forest Route 7N23, approximately 15 miles northeast of Arnold, Calaveras County. Update: Calaveras County Sheriff's Department (CCSD) advised they had dispatched deputies to a call of three motorcycle riders stuck in the snow in the same area with one of the riders identified as the R/O of the SPOT device. There was no report of any medical emergency. At 1959 hours, CCSD advised all three riders had been located with no injuries and the SPOT device deactivated. LDO updated IERCC with the information and confirmed the device was no longer sounding. Mission Closed.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.